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SUBJECT: PROBLEMS: MANASLU EXPEDITION AND PRIVATE VOLUNTARY  
ORGANIZATIONS

1. WE HAVE RECEIVED REQUESTS FOR ASSISTANCE FROM VERN READ  
(MANASLU EXPEDITION) AND DR. CHANEY (DOOLEY FOUNDATION).
2. VERN READ'S SON, ALEXANDER READ, APPARENTLY STAYED IN  
KATHMANDU TO WORK OUT AN AGREEMENT WITH MIN TOURISM CONCERN-  
ING "COMPENSATION" FOR THE DEATH OF SIX PORTERS (AT LEAST  
SOME NEPALESE OFFICIALS BELIEVE THESE PORTERS WERE ATTACHED  
TO MANASLU EXPEDITION.) YOU HAVE PROBABLY ALREADY HELPED  
WITH THIS PROBLEM, BUT VERN READ WOULD LIKE TO KNOW WHETHER  
AGREEMENT HAS BEEN REACHED ON THE "COMPENSATION" AND WHEN  
HIS SON MIGHT LEAVE NEPAL.
3. DR. CHANEY IS CONCERNED ABOUT "SUDDEN" GON DECISION TO  
REQUIRE PAYMENT OF ONE PER CENT DUTY ON ALL "DEVELOPMENT  
GOODS" ENTERING NEPAL. HE BELIEVES IMPOSITION OF SUCH A  
DUTY CONTRADICTS AGREEMENT BETWEEN DOOLEY FOUNDATION AND  
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NEPALESE GOVERNMENT. CHANEY SUGGESTS THAT UNLESS GON RE-  
VERSES THIS POLICY, FOUNDATION WOULD SERIOUSLY CONSIDER  
POSSIBILITY OF WITHDRAWING FROM NEPAL. NEPALESE EMBOFF

BASNYAT, HOWEVER, TAKES MORE RELAXED VIEW OF PROBLEM. HE  
HAS POINTED OUT THAT WHILE DUTY HAS LONG BEEN REQUIRED  
UNDER NEPALESE CUSTOMS REGULATIONS, IN THE PAST GON

MINISTRIES HAVE PAYED DUTY. BASNYAT APPARENTLY BELIEVES  
THAT ALL CONCERNED WILL INFORMALLY REACH A SATISFACTORY  
UNDERSTANDING. WE WOULD LIKE TO HAVE EMBASSY'S COMMENTS  
BEFORE AGAIN DISCUSSING SITUATION WITH DR. CHANEY. VANCE

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